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Examining Group 1812

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
BLAUDIN DE THE et al.)
Serial No.: 07/649,342) Group Art Unit: 1812
Filed: February 1, 1991) Examiner: J. Ulm
For: A NOVEL STEROID/THYROID)
HORMONE RECEPTOR-RELATED)
GENE INAPPROPRIATELY)
EXPRESSED IN HUMAN)
HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 21 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1992, (Paper No. 21), in the above-identified application for which the period for response has been extended by filing herewith a Petition for extension of time and submission of the appropriate fee. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' invention relates to a new member of the nuclear hormone receptor family that responds to retinoic acid as a ligand. Three distinct and different members of the retinoic acid